

St Andrew's ROSEVILLE

SUNDAY 11TH MAY 2025

St Andrew's Roseville

We are a church that loves Jesus and wants the good news of His death and resurrection proclaimed to all people, so that they can believe in Him. If you would like to know more about following Jesus or about St Andrew's, please visit our website - www.standrews.net.au

Coming Up

10 May - Bush Walk

17 May - Start Party

Elvanto Update

Please log in to Elvanto and submit your unavailability so that Amelia can put together the roster for Term 2.

Email office@standrews.net.au if you need a new log-in link or if you need help submitting unavailability.

Staff Days Off

Scott Warner - Tuesdays

Ness Hughes - Fridays, Saturdays

Mel Bell - Tuesdays

Indira Ryan - Tuesdays

Emily Tong - Tue, Thurs, Sat, Sun

Amelia Ross - Saturdays, Sundays

HAPPY MOTHERS' DAY

This weekend, across our church and our city, many will gather to celebrate Mother's Day.

It's a special time each year when we pause to thank, honour, and encourage the mothers in our lives. Many mums will wake to breakfast in bed, handmade cards, and drawings lovingly created by little hands—or perhaps gather with loved ones over a meal.

But even as we celebrate, we acknowledge that this day brings a mix of emotions. For some, it carries grief over a loved one no longer here. For others, it may stir longings for a family yet to come, or the ache of distance from their own.

What continues to astound and encourage me is how often the Bible reveals 'motherly' traits—not only in the people of God, but in God Himself.

In Isaiah 66:13, God says:

"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."

In Luke 13:34, Jesus laments:

"How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings..."

And in 1 Thessalonians 2:7, the apostle Paul writes:

"We were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children."

Isn't this the kind of love we all long for—whatever our age? A love that intimately comforts, protectively shelters, and sacrificially endures. Ultimately, this love is found in the perfect love of God. But thank God for our mothers who reflect and channel God's love.

So this weekend, we give thanks for the many mothers in our church family raising children in the household of faith. We pray that God will encourage, equip, and protect you in your immense task of discipleship.

And we also hold in prayer those for whom this day is complex. May you know the comfort of God, who longs to gather you close like a mother. And may you be encouraged: the Spirit empowers each of us—whatever our story—to love the next generation with a tender, motherly care that reflects the heart of God.

God bless,

Mel Bell

MISSION PARTNERS

*Please pray for
Archbishop Masimango and his
ministry in the Democratic
Republic of Congo*



- Pray for the students studying at Berea College
- Pray for the parish clergy who exercise their ministries without a salary and whose only income comes from subsistence farming (growing rice). Many find it hard to find school fees and their children drop out of school.
- Pray for the resolution of National Synod that says each Diocese should work hard reaching out their community to bring to Jesus 1000 new believers every year.
- Pray for peace, particularly in eastern part of the country. The M23 Rebels (backed by Rwanda) have taken the city of Goma and are now marching south to take more towns and cities.
- Pray for the hundred's of thousands of people who are now internally displaced.
- Pray for the Presidents of DRC and Rwanda, Tchisekedi and Kagame, that they might move towards the signing of a peace deal.

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER

MEETING

There is a Weekly Morning Prayer Meeting on every Wednesday 7.30-8am

<http://tiny.cc/730amPrayer>

Prayer Points

Please pray for the work of Scripture in Schools:

- For Scripture at Roseville Public School.
- That the students will grow in their understanding of Jesus and that it might cause them to attend a local church with their families.
- For those who teach the students and pray that God will sustain them as they do so.

Please pray for our Belonging to one another:

- That we will be a church that helps people who come to feel they belong
- Pray for wisdom as we welcome people on site and that every member of the church will be looking to welcome and include new people
- Pray especially for our welcome programs such as the 'belonging' and 'newish' lunches. Pray that we might become a church that looks to show hospitality to one another and build authentic relationships with each other.
- Pray that we will be known as a church that loves Jesus and each other.

Please pray for all Churches in Australia:

- For the many churches that meet, not just in Sydney, but around Australia.
- Pray for the salvation of Australians and pray that Australian churches may be a good witness of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Pray that God will protect the churches in Australia from false teaching and protect those who minister in them from the work of the evil one.
- Pray that the churches of Australia might unite under the Lordship of Jesus Christ, by his Spirit, so that we can show a unified message of Salvation.

Please pray for each other:

- For the 10:30am congregation

That out of God's glorious riches, will be strengthened with power through your Spirit in their inner being, so that Christ may dwell in their hearts through faith. And we pray that they, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that they may be filled to the measure of all your fullness. **AMEN.**

BETH BOYD - MTS

Beth Boyd from our 6.45pm congregation is currently doing a Ministry Apprenticeship and studying at Youthworks College.

If you would like to receive regular updates and prayer points from Beth, visit the link below to opt-in to Beth's newsletter.

<http://tiny.cc/BethMTS>



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The preferred method for contributing to the ministry and operational costs of St Andrew's is via regular EFT giving to:

BSB 032 086

Account 387 248

St Andrew's Roseville

Cash/cheque contributions can be made via the offertory collection boxes inside the church (no funds are kept on site).

For enquiries about financial matters, please contact our Treasurer, David Vidilini via accounts@standrews.net.au.

To contribute to our Hall Redevelopment, visit:

standrews.net.au/building-a-home

SAFE MINISTRY

We take safety seriously at St Andrew's and we are committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of those in our care. If you have questions or concerns please contact our (voluntary) Safe Ministry Representative, Megan Webster at

safeministry@standrews.net.au

Parish Council & Wardens 2025

Wardens

Alys Martin (10.30am)

Luke Hall (10.30am)

Aaron Black (5pm)

Treasurer

David Vidilini (10.30am)

Parish Council

Ursula Keen (8.30am)

Narelle Barbarino (10.30am)

Helen Vernon (10.30am)

Andrew Loel (10.30am)

Adrian Perry (10.30am)

Ed Shaw (10.30am)

Varya Davidson (5pm)

Craig Roberts (6.45pm)

START PARTY - BOOK YOUR TICKETS NOW!

An evening of celebration for the start of the hall redevelopment. Drinks and canapés will be provided. Please book your tickets via the QR code or link below. Don't miss out!

www.trybooking.com/DAMVI

Tickets close at 5pm on Monday 12th May



GREECE-TURKEY TOUR SEPTEMBER 2026

Footsteps following Paul & Intro to Eastern Orthodoxy

David is leading a tour of Greece Turkey in 2026.

For more info visit www.davidrietveld.com

10.30AM ALL-AGES SERVICE FEEDBACK

It's been about a month since we launched our new all-ages style 10:30am service, and we're grateful for the way everyone has embraced the change—with flexibility and a willingness to go with the flow. The feedback has been largely positive, with many of you sharing how much you're enjoying the new style. It's been wonderful to see all generations engaging together in worship.

We also recognise there are a few areas where things can be tightened up, and we're actively working on making the flow smoother and more focused. Thank you for your continued grace as we grow into this new rhythm together—please keep the feedback coming!

FURTHER TEACHING ON THE HOLY SPIRIT

David Rietveld has written a booklet which outlines a sympathetic evangelical understanding of the place of Spiritual gifts in the life of contemporary Christians and the church.

This is available by request only.

Please email office@standrews.net.au to receive a copy.

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Thursdays 10am-12pm

Xtreme

Years 4-6

3.15 - 5pm

StAR Kids program

Sundays 10.30am

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Fridays 6.30 - 8.30pm

Jnr Youth Bible Study

During the 10.30am & 5pm services

Snr Youth (years 10-12) are also encouraged to attend the 6.45pm service

EVERYDAY ENGLISH CLASSES

Everyday English classes are held weekly during term time.

Thursdays 10am-12pm

STAFF TEAM:

Interim Senior Minister
 Assistant Minister
 Assistant Minister
 Assistant Minister (*Children & Families*)
 Youth Minister
 Ministry Support Coordinator
 Assistant Children's Minister
 Student Minister
 MTS Trainee
 Office

BUSH WALK

Interested in a Saturday afternoon bush walk?

Why not join us.

The Manly Dam circuit is one of the North Shores' hidden attractions. The walk is along bush tracks and fire trails, and has been described as secluded, with scenic lakeside vistas, colorful wildflowers in season, woodland, waterfalls, cascades, wetlands and rambling heath.

When: Saturday May 10, 1:00pm

Where: Meet at the Main Entrance of the Park (near the dam wall), 112 King St Manly Vale

There is free parking near the end of King St, 100m before you enter the Manly Dam State Park. With a Northern Beaches Parking Permit you will be able to park for free at the first parking area past the entrance gate.

It is about a 7.5km walk, taking up to 3 hours. Moderate fitness is required. Please wear appropriate sturdy footwear and bring water, hat and sunscreen.

To continue fellowship with your fellow walkers, please bring a snack during a short break during the walk.

It would be helpful if you could indicate your intention to walk by texting Peter Mackay - 0405 505 469

RECYCLING @ ST ANDREW'S

As a reminder, please do not throw out your old or unwanted books. Please put them in the recycling box outside Amelia Ross' office at 1 Bancroft Ave, and they will be donated to Lifeline for sale in its Lindfield bookshop.

Also, any good quality books, especially those with a good Christian message, will be placed in our street library, for the public to take.

Feel free to contact James Taylor if you have any questions.



PARISH NOMINATORS

Would you like to contact the nominators? If so, please e-mail: nominators@standrews.net.au

Rick Seton (8.30am), Alwin Chin (10.30am), Anne Judd (5pm)
 Stuart Shinfield (5pm), Tori Grimes (6.45pm)

Please pray for our nominators as they continue to search for a new Senior Minister for our church.

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BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE MAY

The St Andrew's Roseville Hall Redevelopment aims to transform our current hall into a flexible, welcoming and comfortable space for our parish and broader community to gather and grow.

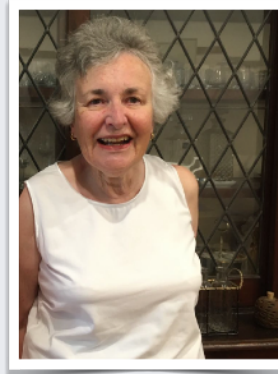
+ DID YOU KNOW?

The Metro line between the Chatswood and North Ryde stations runs directly below St Andrews Church, at a depth of about 15 metres? From the very early stages of the project our team have been working closely with Transport for NSW, sharing detailed engineering designs and geotechnical calculations as part of our construction certificate approval process.

+ PLEASE PRAY FOR

For our volunteer teams including our service and worship leaders, fundraising, parish council and wardens, that God may bless them with encouragement and guide them with wisdom.

LEARN MORE www.standrews.net.au/building-a-home



"I came to St Andrew's in 1972 to join the Over Twenty One Fellowship, that met in the upper hall. I want the new hall to be a place for young adults to grow in Christ as I did."

Helen Sawkins

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LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR HALL REDEVELOPEMNT

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